

## ON BECOMING A CANADIAN CITIZEN

-- genki de lunch

i'm wearing a suit and tie so they won't notice the holes in my shoes. i'm wearing white & red plaid trousers so they won't see my different colored socks. i'm wearing a green fedora so the point on my head will be covered. & i'm wearing a charm bracelet on my wrist so the scars won't show. i have a small bottle of maple syrup in my vest pocket so they won't suspect the mickey of scotch in my briefcase which i'm carrying so they won't think i'm unemployed or not working. & i'm clutching a bible in my hands, singing louder than the queen herself. Everything i do apropos of this day will smack of unity: think unity, talk unity, live unity. And if the country doesn't stay together it won't be my fault!

## SPONTANEOUS JUXTAPOSITION NO. 2

-- hercules and the pot cellar

i'm sitting on a chair i've sat on a thousand times before at a table i've eaten at a thousand times before in a kitchen i've cooked a thousand times before! i'm talking to a person i've never talked to before, i'm driving a car i've never driven before; i'm washing my clothes in a machine i've never used before in a laundromat pictured on a postcard next to a health food restaurant (open for lunch) & a beauty shop. i'm smoking a pipe i've smoked a million times before (in one day) watching a sunset i'll probably watch a thousand times again drinking coffee i've drunk a thousand times before in a cup i bought a thousand years ago from a merchant i went to school with.

-- avron uyebara-hoffman

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Whimsically accessible mass transport compounded by expressly ticketed car pools.  
Surprisingly rapid transit thieves compounded by federally funded switchblade traffic.  
Superbly random freeway panhandlers compounded by incomprehensively paralyzed genuine sympathy.

-- M. K. Book

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